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12 February 23, 2001
13 8:30 o'clock a.m.

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16 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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18 H. Robin Samuelson, Chair

19 Peter Abraham

20 Andrew Balluta

21 John Christensen

22 Robert Heyano

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25 Coordinator: Clifford Edenshaw

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CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Let's call the meeting back to order. Pete and Robert are still moose hunting in Togiak over here in the corner. Joe Chythlook is getting us a bunch of Board of Game proposal books and should be here shortly so we could deal with that issue.

Yesterday we had Pat and Larry Buklis up here and they talked a little bit about the research projects and this Council has wanted to put a comprehensive research plan together as soon as possible for the watershed areas that are under the Bristol Bay RAC. When I was at the Board of Fish meeting this last time, I sat down with Mack Menard, out of the Fairbanks Sportfish Division Office and they had developed a process up there and a point system in identifying projects and prioritizing them and a point system that would be applied. And I think that's the route that this RAC was thinking of when they wanted to go down and put a comprehensive research project together in Bristol Bay. And I'd ask Pat and Larry if they could get a hold of Mack through Sportfish Division and see if we could get a copy of what he has and then we could make the necessary changes for Bristol Bay. And probably in our fall meeting, I know there's what, a hundred and some new proposals?

MS. McCLENAHAN: 120 so far.

CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And we'd set a time in our next RAC meeting in the fall to start that process.

MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Before the new projects are funded.

But I think it's imperative that we put something together, otherwise once Senator Stevens is gone, I think the funding for a lot of these programs in Alaska is going to take a severe hit. We need to protect the resource and put a comprehensive package together so not only we know but future RAC boards and our communities and governments would know, and State and Federal agencies would know which we're all headed. Right now we just seem to be picking piecemeal projects out of the air and there's no golden objective in the end. And that kind of management, we could go through millions of dollars and have nothing in 10 years time.

1 So if we could have that brought back to
2 us, Pat, in the fall meeting, sure appreciate it.

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4 MS. McCLENAHAN: Yes.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Mr. Chythlook, did you
7 bring us some proposal books?

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9 MR. HEYANO: I've got one.

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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13 MR. HEYANO: This proposed partnership in
14 fishery monitoring that was presented to us yesterday, we
15 want to offer some alternatives as to what was presented as
16 areas, how do you propose we do that.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, I kind of spoke
19 to it yesterday a little bit, Robert, and we have until, I
20 believe, March 15th to comment on it. I think that's the
21 date that they said yesterday.

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23 MR. HEYANO: Yes.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Maybe a motion or
26 something from the Council so we'd have it on the record
27 besides just my comment. It would probably carry more
28 weight than my comment.

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30 MR. HEYANO: Yeah, okay, Mr. Chairman, I
31 guess I don't have a specific recommendation. I think this
32 thing needs to be researched with other organizations and
33 entities in Bristol Bay. So, therefore, I would move to
34 direct you to work on proposal alternative on behalf of the
35 RAC. The concern I have is us being lumped in with Alaska
36 Peninsula and Kodiak.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Is there a
39 second to Robert's motion.

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41 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I second it.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Johnny.
44 Further discussion needed.

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46 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Question's been
49 called. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried. Cliff,

8 you and I will work on that letter and get it out. Mr.

9 Chythlook, did you bring them?

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11 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Yes, I got them.

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, we'll go back to

14 F. Thanks, Joe.

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16 MR. CHYTHLOOK: I don't know when it's an
17 appropriate time, but the Department wants to make a little
18 statement, I guess.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Sure.

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22 MR. KRIEG: When it's appropriate.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Sure, you want to do
25 it now, Mr. Krieg or you want to do it later?

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27 MR. KRIEG: I guess I'm supposed to do it
28 now.

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30 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Welcome, Ted.

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32 MR. KRIEG: Well, Mr. Chairman, we're kind
33 of in an uproar because we had a directive that -- help me
34 with the wording on this, but that there's something going
35 on with funding and that probably from this point forward
36 we're not supposed to work with on RAC proposals because of
37 the time and money involved from this -- from the
38 Department, from the Commissioner.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Does that include the
41 funding also on the proposals from ADF&G?

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43 MR. KRIEG: I can't answer that.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Oh, well, tell the
46 Commissioner.....

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48 MR. KRIEG: But our boss, Molly and my boss
49 suggested calling the Commissioner to find out exactly
50 what's happening. So that's -- we're here today and then

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1 after that, I guess we'll see what happens.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Let me get this
4 straight in my mind now. The Commissioner has shipped a
5 directive out to different agencies under the
6 Commissioner's jurisdiction that subsistence, commercial
7 game cannot work with the RACs on proposals because of
8 budget constraints?

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10 MR. KRIEG Does that sound about right, Joe
11 and Molly?

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Jim's back there, too.

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15 MR. KRIEG: I guess that's -- right now
16 that's my understanding, so, yeah.

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18 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Basically, I think.....

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Joe Chythlook for the
21 record.

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23 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Joe Chythlook for the
24 record. I guess basically that's what it is. After I got
25 off yesterday I had a directive to call my executive
26 director and I guess there's things that need to be ironed
27 out between the top folks on financing our involvement with
28 the Federal Subsistence Board so until that's squared away,
29 the directive was that we -- you know, in spite of the fact
30 that we've enjoyed working with you folks, that we lay off
31 or lay back until things are squared away.

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33 But we -- I think most of us are here
34 because started the meeting yesterday and we thought it
35 would be kind of rude to step away in the middle of the
36 meeting so I had, you know, concurrence from my director,
37 to go ahead and participate today, as much as I can, as
38 long as it don't cost us anything.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, I'm sorry to
43 hear that. And surely I don't have the reasons why the
44 Commissioner did it but I'm sure it has to do with future
45 funding and the legislative process that he's going through
46 down there at Juneau. And I appreciate you guys, your past
47 work in helping us wade through this. I mean we're dealt
48 the hand that we're dealt with and the court's deemed that
49 there would be a Federal Subsistence Board and to taking
50 over navigable water and that's from the grown ups above us

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1 and we got to deal with the cards that we're dealt with and
2 we'll see where it all ends up, I guess.

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4 Okay, thank you, Joe. Robert.

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6 MR. HEYANO: Can anybody tell us then what
7 happens to those programs that got funded that involved
8 State agencies? They can no longer participate?

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10 MR. CHYTHLOOK: At this point I can't tell
11 you anything.

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13 MR. KRIEG: As I understand it, the concern
14 is the time and money involved with working on the Federal
15 proposals and that was it. As far as whether anything else
16 is involved at this point, we really don't know. Does that
17 make sense?

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19 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess, Mr. Chair, if
20 we could direct you through Staff to find out how extensive
21 this is. I guess I got a problem is that if they won't
22 help us on the proposal aspect but they're there taking the
23 money, that doesn't sit very well with me.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Neither do I. I'd
26 request a 10 minute break, I'll get ahold of the
27 Commissioner right now.

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29 MR. CHYTHLOOK: Maybe I could explain just
30 without, you know, putting words into anybody's mouth, but
31 the message I got was that somehow the money that was
32 supposed to trickle down to the Department wasn't getting
33 into the Department to participate in the process so based
34 on that, you know, the directive from the Commissioner was
35 to lay off until that's squared away. So, you know, that's
36 the only message we got. We don't know how it affects
37 anything else but that's the only thing I know of that it
38 is, Mr. Heyano.

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40 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess, Mr. Chairman,
41 if you think you can get clarity in a 10, 15 minute break,
42 I would do that because.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yeah, there's a
45 telephone in there.

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47 MR. HEYANO: Because I'm not very happy
48 with what I'm hearing. They're there to take the money to
49 do the projects or help spend the money but they're not
50 willing to participate in the other of it, is how I'm kind

1 of reading this. And I think that if that's the case, as a
2 RAC, I would like to take some action sending a strong
3 message to the Federal Subsistence Board on how we should
4 react to that or they should, as a suggestion.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes, I would highly
7 recommend that if, after this break, in fact, that the
8 Commissioner is pulling away then we should make a motion
9 and send a strong message to the Federal Subsistence on the
10 funding on a number of these proposals.

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12 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman, Dan LaPlant,
13 Subsistence Office. This is the first I've heard of this
14 this morning and I'm just kind of speculating, but I know
15 the agreement with the Department hasn't been signed yet
16 and it's prepared or almost prepared and should be ready
17 for signature very shortly. And that may be the issue, I'm
18 not certain of that. But if it is, it's very close to
19 being ready for signatures. So this may be a very
20 temporary situation.

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, let's take a 10
23 minute break, I'd like to get ahold of the Commissioner.

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25 (Off record)

26 (On record)

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: See, Pat, now, the
29 Federal Subsistence Board is taking up the funding of the
30 projects on Monday, right?

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32 MS. McCLENAHAN: On Monday, that's correct.
33 The Chairs of the Regional Councils are invited, and also
34 there's a toll free number to call in.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes, I have that here.

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38 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay, just for your
39 information.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, I didn't get
42 ahold of the Commissioner, he was tied up in a meeting but
43 I got ahold of Deputy Commissioner, I think that's his
44 title or Rob Bosworth and I asked him if what we had
45 learned this morning was true and he said, yes, it is true.
46 We do not have the funding to support the process of
47 participating in the Federal proposals. We need to take a
48 step back until we can work it out with the Feds on
49 funding, that's all we need is the funding. I asked him if
50 this was tied into the MOU and the protocols and it's kind

1 of tied into that. And they need to protect what budget
2 they have, there's no new money coming in and they need to
3 focus on the stocks of concern as identified by the Board
4 of Fish to bring back salmon to those areas. I had told
5 him that we, as a RAC, were having a meeting and that we
6 had taken a recess to gather more information from him. I
7 asked if that also included accepting money from the
8 Federal government to fund proposals and he said, no, and I
9 said, well, why not, you can't take money from -- it
10 doesn't seem right that you're willing to take money to do
11 the research but you're not willing to put time in on the
12 proposals and he said that they didn't consider that
13 implication when they came out with their ruling to staff.
14 And I said, well, I don't know what the RAC is going to do
15 but, you know, the Federal Subsistence Board is meeting on
16 Monday and this item needs to be settled, you're either
17 going to participate or you're not going to participate
18 with us. I left him my business phone number and he was
19 going to track down the Commissioner and talk to the
20 Commissioner and call me back this afternoon.

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22 And that's all I have to report right now,
23 so Joe and Ted, you were right.

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25 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway, Fish and Game
26 Sportfish. I talked with my supervisors and they asked me
27 to go ahead and hand out this summary of Board of Fish
28 actions. There's a full text of the Kvichak in-river plan
29 and then there's kind of a season outlook, what we think
30 the season is going to be like and more on the regulations,
31 I had planned to hand out for your information. So I have
32 an extra pack, I'll put over here for the public to take,
33 too.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. You know, my
36 assessment of it their, committee, is that the grownups in
37 the Feds and the grownups in the State government need to
38 sit down and hammer this out so the rest of us could
39 proceed on on a course of action. And apparently the
40 grownups haven't sat down and tried to work it out between
41 the respective bodies and we're kind of caught in the
42 middle here.

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44 So what is the pleasure of the Council?
45 Robert.

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47 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess Mr. Chair, since
48 this is probably going to be our last meeting until next
49 fall, realizing this is an issue that's just been brought
50 before us and there's probably a lot of additional

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1 information out there that we're not aware of, including,
2 hopefully a call from the Commissioner, but I would move
3 that we direct to work with Staff to obtain additional
4 information and then make an official reply or a request to
5 the Federal Subsistence Board on what you would deem the
6 appropriate action would be for the Federal people to
7 respond up to and including requesting to withhold funds on
8 these projects.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, is there a
11 second to Robert's motion.

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13 MR. BALLUTA: Second.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Andrew.
16 Further discussion needed.

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18 MR. HEYANO: Question.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: The question's been
21 called. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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27 (No opposing votes)

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried. Damn, I
30 didn't want to go to Anchorage Monday but looks like I'll
31 be going.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, where are we,
36 Dan, I believe you're up next. Joe, thanks for bringing
37 the books for this morning. We won't tell your boss.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. CHYTHLOOK: He knows.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I guess we're going to
44 walk through the proposals. Jim, you're welcome to chime
45 in on any time, Jim Wellington standing by the doorway. We
46 won't tell your boss either. Go ahead, Dan.

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48 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman, members of the
49 council, Dan LaPlant, Office of Subsistence Management. My
50 purpose here is basically just to listen to concerns that

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1 the Council has that you would like me to express to the
2 Board of Game during their deliberations beginning next
3 week. So I'm not here to represent any of these proposals,
4 just here basically to listen. But I believe there are
5 about 38 of them that pertain to the Bristol Bay region
6 that you might want to speak to. I would recommend that
7 you follow along with them in the Board of Game book that
8 you were just provided with and we'll go from there.

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10 I believe that Proposals, 2, 3, 4 and 7
11 deal with beaver season adjustments, you might want to look
12 at those first and if you have anything, basically, to say
13 about those, they deal with -- at least, 2, 3 and 4 deal
14 with opening the beaver season early on November 10th
15 instead of January 31st, which is when it currently opens.

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17 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, Dan, maybe
18 instead of going through every one of these proposals -- it
19 wasn't my intention to go through every one of them.

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21 MR. LaPLANT: Okay.

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23 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And maybe the Council
24 could highlight the ones they would like to address and
25 give comment to Dan on them.

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27 (Pause)

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29 MR. LaPLANT: I can tell you, Mr. Chairman,
30 that Proposals 26 and 27 dealing with the brown bear are
31 similar to Federal Proposal No. 17, which was discussed
32 yesterday. And Proposal 52 dealing with caribou is similar
33 to Proposal 18 that was discussed yesterday. And I
34 believe, Proposal 162 is similar to Federal Proposal 22
35 that was also discussed yesterday. Proposal 51(a) we also
36 discussed that yesterday, too.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. What's the
39 wishes of the Council? Robert.

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41 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chair, you know, I
42 would concur that 26 and 27 is very similar, in fact,
43 identical, I believe, to the action we took yesterday
44 concerning brown bear in Unit 9(E).

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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48 MR. HEYANO: I don't think, you know, based
49 on the action we took yesterday, I don't think we need to
50 take any action on these two, I think Dan could relay our

1 comments and concerns of why we support this proposal on
2 Federal land and hope the State would do the same thing.

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4 MR. LaPLANT: Correct.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Any others.

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8 MR. HEYANO: Well, I'll just go down my
9 list, if you don't mind?

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Nope, go down your
12 list.

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14 MR. HEYANO: 51(a) moose, I think he has a
15 good handle on what we're trying to accomplish there and
16 probably can convey those same messages to the State Board.

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18 52, Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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22 MR. HEYANO: Would establish a caribou
23 season in an area that is currently closed and that's
24 something we didn't discuss and it's trying to address,
25 establish a season for Mulchatna animals. The concern I
26 have is that there is also, at times of year, the Nushagak
27 Peninsula caribou in this proposed area and there is a
28 management team consisting of the State, the Federal and
29 communities to manage this herd. And at our last meeting
30 in Manokotak we directed the Federal staff and the State
31 staff to explore options and come back to us at our next
32 meeting to do something like this. My concern is is that
33 this area is predominately Federal land, if the State went
34 ahead and opened the season there would probably be little
35 or no reason why we would, as the caribou management
36 planning team to come up with any further recommendations.

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38 So I would like us to go on record as
39 opposing this proposal at this particular time.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, maybe I can get
42 Andy up here to share the chair with you. Andy, it seems
43 that this proposal is inconsistent to what we, as a RAC,
44 have been trying to do over there and to protect, as Robert
45 said, the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd that goes up and
46 the other herd that hangs around by Twin Hills, that little
47 herd. What's your comments on the proposal?

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49 MR. ADERMAN: I think it's inconsistent in
50 that area east of the Togiak River and south of the

1 Pungokepuk Creek and lake drainage. That's the area where
2 Nushagak Peninsula caribou have been in the past. Lately
3 we don't have any radio-collared animals from the Nushagak
4 Peninsula Caribou Herd in that area. That's not to say
5 that there aren't other non-collared animals in that area.
6 The Refuge provided comments to Dan on this proposal and we
7 supported an amended version of this proposal.

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9 We support that area west of the Togiak
10 River and north of Pungokepuk Creek establishing a
11 permanent season identified in the proposal. Keeping that
12 area then east of the Togiak River and south of Pungokepuk
13 Creek in the current status, we can open it if caribou come
14 into that area like we did a couple weeks ago.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Last week. Okay. Any
17 questions of Staff. You're happy with the amendment there,
18 Pete, on the west side of Togiak and open by emergency
19 order.

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21 MR. ABRAHAM: (Nods affirmatively)

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23 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: He can't talk. Joe
24 chased him out of the steam last night, cooked him good.
25 He's kind of whimpy.

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27 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess, Mr. Chairman,
28 then I would move that we support the amended language of
29 Proposal 52 as proposed by the Togiak Wildlife Refuge.

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: I second the motion.

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Further discussion
34 needed.

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36 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Question's been
39 called. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying
40 aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried. Mr.

49 Heyano.

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1 MR. HEYANO: Well, I guess, Mr. Chairman,
2 we can do 73 and 77. 77 is for 9(E) and 73 is for (C) and
3 (D). What it requests to do, is my understanding, is
4 restrict the winter bull moose to a 36-inch antler, no
5 greater than. And I think that's going to be cumbersome on
6 the subsistence user, you know, and the way I read the
7 proposal and if he's out there hunting and he sees one
8 that's 38 or 40 or anything larger than 36, it wouldn't be
9 available to a legal harvest. In addition to that, by
10 having the antler restriction then they'd be required to
11 bring the antlers intact back. So I think we should oppose
12 those two proposals.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That was 73 and 76?

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16 MR. HEYANO: 77.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: 77.

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20 MR. O'HARA: Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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24 MR. O'HARA: I have some handwritten notes
25 that came from our SRC and Dick Sellers went over with our
26 -- oh, I'm sorry, I'm Tom O'Hara with the National Park
27 Service and Coordinator for the Aniakchak SRC. And Dick
28 Sellers was at our SRC meeting and explained 73 and 77 to
29 us and the SRC made a motion to not support 73 and 77 for
30 the same reasons that Robert just brought up. For one,
31 these were submitted, Sellers believed, by guides who are
32 trying to protect the bigger moose for later in the fall
33 and took away possible subsistence animals from the people
34 in the area. So they did not support that at all for 73
35 and 77.

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you, Tom.
38 Okay, what's the pleasure of the Council?

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40 MR. CHRISTENSEN: We're not going to
41 support it.

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43 MR. HEYANO: Well, then I would move, Mr.
44 Chairman, we go on record opposing Proposal 73 and 77.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Is there a second?

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48 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I second it.

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50 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Johnny.

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1 Further discussion needed.

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3 MR. HEYANO: That we incorporate Tom's
4 report of the SRC and my previous comments, Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Sounds good. Further
7 discussion needed. Hearing none, all those in favor of
8 opposing Proposal 73 and 77 signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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14 (No opposing votes)

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried. We oppose
17 it. Robert.

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19 MR. HEYANO: Let me check.

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Dan, if you got
22 any questions of us as we're going through these, just
23 chime in.

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25 MR. LaPLANT: Okay.

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27 MR. CHRISTENSEN: 76 9(E) wasn't that
28 season on Alaska Peninsula open on August 20th or something
29 last year?

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31 MR. LaPLANT: For the State?

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33 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, for the Federal.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Who do we have here --
36 well, maybe Dan could answer it, wasn't it August 20th in
37 9(E)?

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39 MR. LaPLANT: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman,
40 which proposal?

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Proposal 76, it stays
43 start the season in Unit 9(E) September 1, didn't that
44 season start at August 20th or something last year?

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46 MR. LONS: I believe that's correct.

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48 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Then this is a misprint
49 then.

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1 MR. LONS: It's wrong in the -- I think
2 it's wrong in the regulations book.

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4 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Is it going to continue
5 to stay that way or going to go back to September 1?

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7 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Wait.

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9 MR. LONS: Daryl Lons, Alaska Peninsula
10 Becharof Refuge. I believe that's correct, Robin, if my
11 recollection serves me, the regulations book was incorrect
12 in stating September 1st, it's August 20th.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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16 MR. LONS: That's correct.

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18 MR. CHRISTENSEN: And it will stay that
19 way?

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21 MR. LONS: Yeah, unless, you know, a
22 proposal comes.....

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: If Proposal 76 is
25 adopted then it will move back to September, is the way I
26 read it.

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28 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I'm going to oppose that.

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30 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chairman, current
31 moose season on the State lands starts September 10th and
32 what this proposal is asking to do is to move it up to the
33 1st of September. On Federal land it starts the 20th of
34 August. I think if the intent is to align the seasons then
35 we'd need to move it to the 20th. You almost have to have
36 three sets of books, I guess to track them all.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: The season opens on
39 the 10th right now, September 10th.

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41 MR. HEYANO: State land to September 20.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, and this
44 Proposal 76 is only addressing State land.

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46 MR. HEYANO: Correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And what the proposer
49 of this motion is saying, instead of opening on September
50 10th, open on September 1st to September 20th. So we're

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1 talking about 10 additional days for State subsistence
2 users to hunt moose. It doesn't affect the Federal season
3 that you have August 20th

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5 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Tom.

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9 MR. O'HARA: Mr. Chair, we discussed this
10 one at our -- I'm sorry, my name's Tom O'Hara, Aniakchak
11 SRC, coordinator. This was submitted by one of the people
12 in Port Heiden, Terry Christensen, and the reason they put
13 it in there was to reduce the confusion with different
14 lands and different seasons because the people didn't know
15 if they were hunting in the right areas or in the right
16 season and so that's why they wanted to align the seasons
17 and that's why Terry put this in. But then at the SRC
18 meeting, looking at the possibility for hunting for twice
19 as long, we came up with an idea and they withdrew their
20 support of this proposal. And what they asked us to do is
21 to take and make a map, like the one you have behind your
22 left shoulder, in small boxes, but which seasons are open
23 in those colored boxes. So the purple area in the Preserve
24 and it's open from August 1 to August 30, Federal moose
25 season open and it'd have a little box and they requested
26 us make a map showing it that way so they could look at it
27 and say, okay, it's open here for us and nobody else. So
28 they preferred to show no support on this one so they could
29 still have a longer subsistence season but using a map to
30 clarify if they're actually hunting in the right area.

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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34 MR. O'HARA: So that's what we're going to
35 be working on doing is putting together a map for next
36 fall.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Good. Bring it to the
39 RAC meeting, too, it's pretty confusing to us also.

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41 MR. O'HARA: That's okay. Even the law
42 enforcement is confused.

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44 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Better yet.

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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48 MR. HEYANO: Yes, Mr. Chairman, you know
49 when we extended the season on the Federal land, of course,
50 it's only Federal qualified subsistence users who can hunt.

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1 I'd be awful reluctant, I think, to put those same seasons
2 or extend the season on State land because of the different
3 definition of what a subsistence user is.

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5 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Our intent was to Federal
6 land.

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: You're taken care of
9 Johnny with the August 20th date.

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11 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah.

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So we don't need to
14 take any action on Proposal 76.

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16 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Okay, yeah.

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18 MR. LaPLANT: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Any others?

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22 MR. HEYANO: The next one I have, Mr.
23 Chairman, would be 152.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Proposal 152.

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27 MR. HEYANO: What 152 does, Mr. Chairman,
28 is asks for earlier access dates for the taking of walrus
29 on Walrus Island. Currently it's September 20 through
30 October 30, they're asking September 10 to October 10.

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Uh-huh.

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34 MR. HEYANO: I don't know, you know, Ralph
35 Andersen's here, I don't know if you wish to have him speak
36 to the proposal. We addressed it in the advisory
37 committee.

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39 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Ralph.

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41 MR. ANDERSEN: Good morning, Ralph
42 Andersen, BBNA. The reason that this proposal was
43 developed is because of incimate weather, just dangerous
44 weather down for the walrus hunt every year. Last year we
45 had one boat go over and the boat, I mean just dangerous
46 conditions. The meeting was held last week at BBNA with
47 all the organizations involved with the walrus hunt, Fish
48 and Wildlife, Fish and Game, BBNA and the Walrus
49 Commission. While the KWC and BBNA are supportive of the
50 change there wasn't a consensus reached on whether or not

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1 ADF&G and Fish and Wildlife would support this.

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3 But our concern is for the safety of the
4 hunters and so we're trying our best to provide for their
5 safety. Especially that, you know, during the current
6 season the weather was terrible between here and Togiak and
7 I think Peter can speak to that as well.

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9 MR. ABRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, last fall
10 we had hunters from Dillingham here and be stuck for two
11 weeks or something like that and then end up in Togiak over
12 there for another week. I support this proposal for an
13 earlier season because the later it gets the rougher the
14 weather gets, you know, right after the silver season the
15 weather gets deteriorated easily over there. I support the
16 proposal 100 percent.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you,
19 Ralph. Any other questions of Ralph? Should we let him
20 go? Thank you, Ralph. All the State guys went running out
21 the door, uh? Oh, Ted's still here and Joe. What's the
22 wishes of the Council?

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24 MR. ABRAHAM: I move to accept Proposal
25 152.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Support it.

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29 MR. ABRAHAM: Support it, to change the
30 season to September 1 to October 10, 10 days earlier.

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, is there a
33 second.

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35 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I second.

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Johnny.
38 I'll be in support of it -- of the proposal. Number 1,
39 it's very expensive to keep the insurance on these vessels
40 running for the extended time. The second factor is the
41 safety factor and the subsistence -- quality of subsistence
42 meat once it's arrived, because once they shoot it and
43 butcher it, if they got to run for cover and then they sit
44 there, and I've seen some of those boats come back pretty
45 well iced up, Woody's boat from our tribal council that we
46 helped finance go over, when he came back he was making ice
47 on his windows and his flying bridge and I think it's just
48 too late.

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50 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And if an engine
2 coughs out between Walrus Island and getting back into the
3 bay there isn't anybody out there to help you or anything,
4 it's usually one or two boats that are running and last
5 year I think it was one. So I think it's a bonefide safety
6 factor.

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8 MR. CHRISTENSEN: How come they don't make
9 it August 1st when it's still good weather?

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, I think there's
12 too many animals on the island at that time and they were
13 just -- the Walrus Commission is working their way through
14 this with the State and everybody else. So I think it'd be
15 reasonable -- it's a reasonable request and a reasonable
16 proposal.

17 MR. ABRAHAM: And then if you wait a little
18 later, the moose.....

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20 (Laughter)

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22 MR. ABRAHAM:the walrus starts moving
23 out from the island, you know, out to the deep waters.
24 Like by October, maybe the first week of October you have
25 maybe like 20 left out there or so but the weather is
26 terrible by that time. But with the earlier opening you'll
27 have more opportunity out there to have your numbers.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Further
30 discussion needed. Robert.

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32 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm going
33 to support the motion. In addition, you hit on the
34 insurance, you know, typically a Bristol Bay commercial
35 fishing vessel's insurance runs until the end of September
36 without any additional cost to the individual and that's
37 the method predominately from those folks who participate
38 in that harvest, from this side of the drainage anyways, is
39 to use their existing commercial vessels. I understand
40 that there's some concern by upping the season by 10 days,
41 there's going to be more animals present on the island and
42 the possibility for increased disturbance, but I think that
43 this is an ongoing process here and if in three years we
44 learn that, in fact, there is a negative impact and there's
45 too much disturbance, I think we can move it the other way.

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47 Yeah, I guess for those reasons, it's not
48 extending the season, it's just shifting the dates.

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50 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Further discussion.

1 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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5 MR. LaPLANT: I'd just like to bring it to
6 the Council's attention that the Federal Subsistence
7 Program doesn't address the walrus harvest so I'm not
8 certain that the Board would look to me for any
9 recommendation on this proposal. So they may but I don't
10 know that they would, so I just want to bring that to your
11 attention.

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13 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, even if they
14 don't look for it, it's.....

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16 MR. HEYANO: Along those same lines, if the
17 Board of Game is going to react to your position the same
18 as Pete Probasco, your counterpart, is that, they ask them
19 for RAC comments, so hopefully -- we understand it's a
20 function of the State, but hopefully -- I don't know if
21 anybody from the RAC will be at that Game Board meeting so
22 I'm hoping that if there isn't, you can convey what our
23 thoughts are.

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25 MR. LaPLANT: Okay, certainly would. I
26 just want to make that clear, you know, that I'm not
27 certain what they're going to be looking to me for on this
28 type of proposal.

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30 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other
31 comments. Hearing none.

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33 MR. ABRAHAM: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Question's been
36 called. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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38 IN UNISON: Aye.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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42 (No opposing votes)

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried.

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46 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Pete.

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50 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, can we get back

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1 to 2, 3 and 4 on beaver, on open season early. What's the
2 limit on the beaver over here, because right now at this
3 time I think the limit is 40?

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5 MR. LaPLANT: I believe it is 40, I don't
6 have a reg book here.

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8 MR. ABRAHAM: To encourage the trappers,
9 the cost of the pelt right now, the cost of your gas and
10 your labor and everything else, 40 is not sufficient to
11 cover your expense by the time you sell your furs. So if
12 we set the no limit on the beaver, but still do tag the
13 beaver, I think we'll encourage the fur trappers.

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15 This is all over Alaska. Because there's
16 complaints everywhere you go even as far as Nelson Island,
17 complaining it's not sufficient, it's not worthwhile to go
18 after them when the limit is 40 because by the time you
19 sell your furs you got hardly anything left after you pay
20 for gas and snowmachines and everything.

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22 MR. LaPLANT: Yeah, under the Federal
23 season it's 40 beavers per season, however, no more than 20
24 may be taken between April 1st and May 31st, so it's only
25 20 in the spring but 40 for the entire season.

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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah, it's not worthwhile
28 because that's why we don't see anymore fur trappers hardly
29 anywhere.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So what would you like
32 to do?

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Set no limit on the season
35 between January 1st until March or whatever.

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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39 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chair, Proposals 2,
40 3 and 4 address beaver in Unit 9 and they address the --
41 they all advocate a limit of 40 but they adjust the seasons
42 to start the 10th of November. None of these proposals
43 address beaver in 17(A).

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45 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, I'd like to see it
46 everywhere, including Nelson Island, Bristol Bay.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I think, Pete, what
49 you're going to have to do is bring up that proposal in the
50 fall when there's a call for proposals. Correct me if I'm

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1 wrong.

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3 MR. LaPLANT: That would be on my take on
4 it, yes.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yeah.

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8 MR. ABRAHAM: Okay, I will work with
9 Togiak.

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11 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That's all we could do
12 with these proposals that are before us is comment on them.

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14 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah. Well, I'll work with
15 the villages around Togiak.

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17 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yeah. And when the
18 Federal Subsistence Board comes out with call for proposals
19 this fall, that would be the time to put in your ideas.

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21 Okay, any others?

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23 MR. LaPLANT: Does the Board want to take
24 any action on these beaver proposals other than that?

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26 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I guess we can say we
27 have no objection to the proposals dealing with beaver in
28 Unit 9 on earlier seasons. Does anybody have an objection
29 to have an earlier season on beaver?

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31 MR. ABRAHAM: No, I don't have no objection.

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33 MR. HEYANO: No.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Moving on. Do
36 you have anymore, Robert?

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38 MR. HEYANO: Those were the only ones I
39 flagged, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Any other council
42 members have any other comments on any of these proposals,
43 if not, we're going to move on?

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45 MR. ABRAHAM: No comments.

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47 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Going once. Going
48 twice. Gone. Thank you.

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50 MR. LaPLANT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 I'll carry these messages to the Board of Game.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I'll give you your
4 book back, Joe, for \$20. Okay, getting back on our agenda,
5 where are we?

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7 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, we're on G under
8 Fish and Wildlife Service agency reports.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: We're under.....

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12 MR. EDENSHAW: The last ones, G and H.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN:G. Okay. I
15 guess we got the ADF&G Staff report already. Travel
16 vouchers.

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18 MR. EDENSHAW: And 2000 annual report.
19 Under G, I just provided a copy of the reminders for
20 travel. I was just referring to this here and what our
21 office wanted to convey to the Council is that on the back
22 of here we also have a portion where you can itemize if you
23 take a cab here, whether we're in Naknek or King Salmon or
24 here in Dillingham, but the one message they want to convey
25 is that if our office doesn't receive any of these after
26 the completion of a Council meeting, normally what the
27 individual in Anchorage, in our office who does the travel,
28 will just go ahead and bill those out for the dates of
29 travel. For instance, John goes back this evening and gets
30 into Port Heiden on Saturday and if she doesn't receive
31 this through the mail they'll go ahead and just fill it out
32 themselves for the reservations that they made for him.
33 That's all they wanted to convey that if they don't receive
34 it they'll go ahead and just plug in the dates that the
35 individuals flew and when they arrive.

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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39 MR. ABRAHAM: Am I doing something wrong
40 with mine?

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42 MR. EDENSHAW: No. And that was that, Mr.
43 Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, Cliff. Why are
46 we letting Aaron make coffee back there, he don't even
47 drink coffee and that's all he does is -- he must put 10
48 scoops in that coffee pot. Somebody that drinks coffee
49 next time make coffee, don't let that Aaron make coffee.
50 Give me coffee guts.

1 Okay, what else?

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3 MR. EDENSHAW: And the last item here is
4 the 2000 annual report. And right now I'll go ahead and
5 take any issues, concerns that the Council members wish to
6 have included in the 2000 annual report. And what I'll do
7 is upon completion of the meeting, with the issues that the
8 Regional Council has, I'll go ahead and compile a 2000
9 annual report and the Federal Subsistence Board will -- you
10 know, after the Council has had an opportunity to review
11 what I've written up and sign off on it, the Board will
12 meet here in the summer to address annual reports and at
13 the fall meeting, in September or October, the Board
14 responses will be brought back to the Council.

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16 So at this time I would take issues or
17 concerns that the Council wishes to have in their 2000
18 annual report.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. I have one,
21 Cliff. I attended the Board of Fish meeting for the month
22 of January with AYK, Area M and Bristol Bay. And we have
23 stock concern, Kvichak, and the work that Carol Ann Woody's
24 doing up in Lake Clark is basically the tip of the iceberg
25 for looking at the projection for returning sockeye.
26 Ugashik looks like it probably won't make it's escapement
27 goal and it's going to become a stock of concern if it does
28 not make it. In order to qualify for a stock of concern
29 you got to have a failure that, well, I think it's four of
30 the last five years, and they have three years in and very
31 low escapement. Togiak has been having problems since
32 about 1988. Last year they had a good season. This year
33 their prediction is down to 200,000 surplus sockeye. And
34 you know with the climatic regime shift and quite frankly,
35 we don't know what's happening out in the Bering Sea and
36 smolt, as our salmon smolt leave the lakes, we don't know
37 what's happening with them because we don't have the
38 research that National Marine Fisheries Services once
39 provided to us in our off-shore waters.

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41 And looking at the funding proposals, I
42 think that we need to take a -- on the different stocks, I
43 think we need to develop a comprehensive approach along the
44 fish migratory path to be consistent to the way the Board
45 is thinking. We seem to be thinking inside the box, in our
46 own little districts and I think we need to, as a Federal
47 agency, we need to be thinking outside the box and tracking
48 those fish along their total migratory route. And I think
49 that in our comprehensive, when we put together our
50 comprehensive research projects, how we do it, needs to all

1 play into an overall strategy, what's best for Bristol Bay,
2 what's best for our resources, our salmon stocks, but we
3 can't just look at Bristol Bay, we're going to have to go
4 out. And I don't think going out and doing research falls
5 under the purview of the Secretary and extra-territorial
6 jurisdiction, you know. I don't believe that kicks in when
7 we're doing research to try to figure out what's happening
8 to a stock of concern or a fish stock that we're having
9 problems with that's very important, not only to
10 subsistence users but the ecosystem of the lakes, bald
11 eagles, the bears and everything else that goes along with
12 it.

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14 Robert.

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16 MR. HEYANO: Well, just a follow up to your
17 comments, Mr. Chairman, when I reviewed some of the past
18 funding proposals, you know, it was stated in there as part
19 of the reason was is that because they were outside of the
20 conservation unit and I -- you know, to use that as a
21 reason in Bristol Bay, I think, is going to severely hamper
22 us on some of our funding requests. Because unlike the
23 Yukon and Kuskokwim, we have a lot of data of our salmon
24 fisheries in the fresh water, which is predominately inside
25 the conservation unit. Where the information is missing is
26 outside the conservation units. I would hope that we, you
27 know, in the future, that those proposals don't get
28 penalized because they're not dealing with the resource
29 once it's inside the conservation unit. It's my opinion
30 that, you know, the piece of information that is missing is
31 pertaining to outside those units.

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, salmon drives
34 everything. I mean, salmon drives pike, whitefish,
35 rainbow, grayling, the -- it's the engine that drives the
36 whole machine and I think we need to take a broader
37 approach and start thinking outside the box when we start
38 looking at funding proposals.

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40 Any other issues that should be brought up?

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42 I just have one other, I guess, in
43 developing our comprehensive plan in Bristol Bay, as far as
44 the research goes, I would hate -- what I would like to see
45 is a series of workshops held out in Bristol Bay for the
46 different sectors. The Togiak, Dillingham subregion,
47 Iliamna Lake subregion, Naknek and the southern Bristol Bay
48 regions, as well as subregion meeting on the Pacific side,
49 on our villages in the Chigniks. And I think we need to
50 put this document together as soon as possible and provide

1 -- and have input, maximum extent input from the villages
2 on their concerns. So instead of just having it at RACs,
3 I'd rather have -- I'd rather see a committee work on it,
4 maybe a professional committee of staff that sets it up and
5 starts going around and starts gathering the data, get
6 ahold of Mack Menard and present to us at our fall RAC
7 meeting, a general scoping document on where we're going to
8 go, let the RAC look it over and then hold a series of
9 public meetings throughout the region so we could finalize
10 that draft in our next spring meeting, a year from now, or
11 maybe through emergency meeting prior to the approval of
12 the funding sources for next year.

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14 I don't know how all the mechanics all
15 works out in that. I'm just real concerned that we're
16 going to spend a lot of money and we're not going to get
17 the full bang for the buck. Sure, we're going to do
18 research but there's research going here, research going
19 there and we don't know where we're all going.

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21 We've got the North Pacific Research Board
22 coming out and that body's got a lot of money that's going
23 to be running through its hands and surely we will qualify
24 for funding projects and that's just right around the
25 corner. I would suspect that board's probably going to be
26 appointed by April 1st.

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28 Pat.

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30 MS. McCLENAHAN: Mr. Chairman, would you
31 like to give me some specific things that you'd like to
32 have covered at the subregional meetings?

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34 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, I think that the
35 Staff needs to sit down and do a scoping document amongst
36 themselves.....

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38 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN:and ship it back
41 to us and get input.

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43 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And then from there we
46 need to set priorities on projects, how we're going to
47 prioritize projects, what's our goals and objectives?

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49 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay.

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1 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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5 MR. EDENSHAW: Could part of that scoping
6 document begin with when the Board approves those 2000
7 resource monitoring projects as well as the 2001 and build
8 upon that?

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, you know, we
11 don't have, correct me if I'm wrong, but we've never seen
12 the criteria where we're going to judge the projects and
13 that's part of my problem. You know, I'm sure that all
14 these projects are worthwhile, you know, the Tazimina stock
15 assessment rainbow trout, that's probably a worthwhile
16 project, but does it have the same status as Togiak River
17 smelt stock assessment; I have no way to gage it. And I
18 think we need to have a mechanism on how to rate these
19 various projects out. I mean there's a request here for
20 326,000; 248,000; 248,000 over the next three years, that's
21 700 million dollars for one project, how do I gage that?
22 What's the benefit coming out?

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24 I think before we go in we got to -- the
25 RAC needs to know the benefits that these assessment
26 projects are going to bring forth. You got to look at it
27 in a subregional, regional level type thing.

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29 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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33 MR. HEYANO: There is criteria, ranking
34 criteria that's in this book here.

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36 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yeah.

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38 MR. HEYANO: You know, I think had we been
39 able to attend that meeting in February we probably would
40 have been a lot more knowledgeable on that stuff. But that
41 was the original intent -- my original intent when I
42 requested that workshop, just for this RAC, so we could go
43 through this criteria and be extremely familiar with it so
44 we can, you know, have some meaningful input in ranking
45 these projects. Things didn't work out that way and we
46 were unable to attend, so I guess we got catch-up to do.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, yeah, maybe it's
49 me then.

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1 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Pete.

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5 MR. ABRAHAM: A lot of the requests have
6 the plan for everything they ask for, like you take Dan
7 Dunaway over here, on stock assessment Naknek River, I
8 think they all have a plan for all these appropriate money
9 and some of these plans, the figures over here are covering
10 both Bristol Bay and Kuskokwim and possibly the Yukon, too,
11 some of the dollars, but there's broken down figures
12 somewhere, I can't I don't think I brought them. They're
13 all important for us as subsistence users, you know, to be
14 used properly.

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16 You take Togiak over there, the studying
17 pike over there but when I first came over there, came over
18 to Togiak there were hardly any pike over there but there's
19 numerous amount of pike in the river now and they're
20 depleting the smoltz over there as fast as they can. So,
21 you know, they all have purposes, for all these studies
22 here.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Thank you, Pat.

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26 Any other things that we need to put in our
27 2000 report besides the standard stuff, I guess, Cliff, uh?

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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31 MR. HEYANO: The only one I would mention,
32 Mr. Chairman, is I think those agencies that manage Federal
33 land in our areas, they need to be more receptive to
34 management action on other resources that have an impact to
35 the resource that are important to those folks who reside
36 in those areas. You know, some of things that were
37 provided to us as alternative, for our consideration for
38 the same day airborne of wolves in Unit 9(E) and (C),
39 because it seems extremely hard or difficult to do anything
40 to reduce wolves and bear populations which have an impact
41 on the caribou and moose and I think that if we have to
42 wait until all the data is obtained there probably won't be
43 any caribou and moose populations left.

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45 There's no doubt anybody in the Bristol Bay
46 region or the reason we serve, especially the older people,
47 will tell you what kind of impact bears and wolves would
48 have on moose and caribou populations. There are some
49 folks who are still alive that are reindeer herders and if
50 you could listen to their stories on what the wolf

1 populations did to their reindeer herds, it's astounding.
2 And I understand there's that public perception out there
3 that they have to be well aware of, but I think that the
4 subsistence priority for those folks who manage those
5 Federal lands need to go further than restricting the human
6 harvest to protect the subsistence users who reside in the
7 area.

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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11 MR. HEYANO: And that kind of needs to come
12 from the top down, I believe, or we're setting ourselves up
13 for failure.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Got that there, Cliff?
16 Anything else under this agenda item? Okay, we're moving
17 on to, B, Cliff?

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19 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: We'll take a five
22 minute break and let the Togiak Refuge people get lined up.

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24 (Off record)

25 (On record)

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Let's go.

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29 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 Andy Aderman, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. The fall
31 hunt for moose in 17(A), there was a total of 56 issued, 54
32 of those permits went to Unit 17(A) residents, two of those
33 permits to non-local residents. The overall report of
34 harvest was 10 moose, all taken by Unit 17 residents.

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36 I just have a real brief update on the
37 moose count like I mentioned yesterday, we've just about
38 completed them and so the total stands at 471.

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40 I wanted to bring up real quick, it's not
41 on the agenda, we did have a caribou count two weeks ago
42 down on the Nushagak Peninsula within the hunt area, it was
43 consistent with past counts. In the counting area we
44 counted a total of 1,037 caribou. Also in regards to
45 Nushagak caribou, the Refuge made a concerted effort to
46 attend the Nushagak caribou planning committee this last
47 fall approaching the traditional council, schools informing
48 hunters on the need to turn in licenses to report on the
49 outcome of their hunt.

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1 There has been no hunting activity on the
2 Peninsula so far this year. However, I suspect mainly due
3 to terrible conditions.

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5 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That caribou count of
6 1,037, that's down isn't it?

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8 MR. ADERMAN: That's down. Our last count
9 was two years ago, there were -- I believe it was 1,278.
10 Those animals move outside of the counting area and we have
11 no way to know the number of animals that move outside the
12 counting area. It's speculation.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Those caribou that you
15 opened the season on a couple of weeks ago east of Togiak,
16 those are probably Nushagak Peninsula, would you suspect?

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18 MR. ADERMAN: Those were mostly Mulchatna
19 caribou.

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any questions
22 of Andy?

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24 MR. ADERMAN: All right. The other thing
25 is on the fisheries projects that the Refuge is involved
26 with, Mark Lisac presented you kind of with an update of
27 those projects at your fall meeting and you can find those
28 under Tab B Page 11. Just real quickly, involving around
29 aerial spawning escapement survey projects over in Unit 18.
30 There's also a dolly varden life history in the Togiak
31 drainage and also a rainbow trout telemetry study in the
32 Togiak drainage. And I encourage you to talk with Mark
33 Lisac or Artie on specific projects.

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35 That's my report and I would take
36 questions. I just wanted to introduce a new member of our
37 staff, my new supervisor, Pat Walsh, he's sitting right
38 next to Orville.

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40 That's it.

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42 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Welcome aboard there,
43 Pat.

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45 MR. ADERMAN: And that concludes my report,
46 thank you.

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48 MR. HEYANO: Good.

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50 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Good short report, you
2 get a star by your name today.

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4 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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8 MR. HEYANO: Well, maybe Mulchatna caribou,
9 that triggered the emergency opening.....

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11 MR. ADERMAN: We opened the area west of
12 the point, over to the Togiak River but the rest of the
13 drainage was already open. There was about a thousand
14 animals inside that area with three to 4,000 immediately
15 outside that border, just west of Togiak and just north of
16 Pungokepuk Creek, and in doing moose surveys in the last
17 couple weeks we observed a lot of those animals have moved
18 down, some have moved back. It's hard to say how many are
19 right in the Togiak drainage, about four to 5,000.

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21 MR. HEYANO: Just a comment, Mr. Chairman,
22 maybe in October in Manokotak, you recall that Nushagak
23 Peninsula herd had a fairly rapid growth population and
24 then it started to level off and we really could never
25 figure and probably still today, but what was presented to
26 us somebody do a computerized graph, I guess, on these
27 population trends and on the harvest, and correct me if I'm
28 wrong, Andy when they doubled the harvest and it came out
29 very closely to what the population currently is and it
30 tracked very closely to those harvests for those given
31 years so we might have some problems there that we may need
32 to address at the next proposal cycle.

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34 MR. ADERMAN: Just a follow up comment to
35 that, again, in my report, the Refuge, you know, as a
36 follow up to that meeting, those concerns, you know, people
37 are probably taking animals and not reporting them.

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39 MR. ABRAHAM: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Peter.

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43 MR. ABRAHAM: For years we had a herd
44 behind Twin Hills. I think one year they had 120 in the
45 group and by the end of the winter, I think we had about 80
46 left there. But still, you know, their tendency of hanging
47 back away from the Cape Constantine area, they're residents
48 over there now. And last week, I went out hunting in a new
49 open area, I didn't ask who they are or where they're from
50 but I can tell a difference between the migrant and the

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1 residents. The residents they don't be -- they hang around
2 behind there, have more fat than the migrants, I think you
3 called them Mulchatna or whatever you want to call them,
4 next time put a name tag on them, please.

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6 The ones behind Twin Hills area, I guess
7 there's about a thousand of them, that's what I estimated
8 but they're moving up towards, what you call Napongo where
9 there's hardly any snow. As of, I think, a few days ago,
10 they're up there now. And the people quit hunting them
11 already over there. So, you know, they're safe and the
12 travel conditions are not that good anywhere on Togiak
13 right now so we're very fortunate.

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15 And then for Andy, I'd like to have a copy
16 of your moose count and harvest and permit count for the
17 joint meeting that's going to happen sometime this month.
18 And then I think you and Mike and whomever will be invited
19 to that joint meeting and from ADF&G, I think if Jim
20 Woolington is over here somewhere, we'd like to invite him
21 also and Robin as a RAC representative and Nushagak
22 Advisory Council and possibly Carl Jack, the Native liaison
23 from BIA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife out of Anchorage and this
24 will be on 17(A) winter hunt moose and we'll discuss that
25 and be done with it once and for all.

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27 That's all I have for you, Andy, have a
28 nice day.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Boy, that sounds good.
33 We'll finally be done with that issue, only if you promise.

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35 MR. ABRAHAM: Uh-huh. I keep my promises,
36 there's caribou behind my house over there all the time.

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38 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Any other
39 questions for Andy? Thank you, Andy.

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41 MR. ADERMAN: Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Next.

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45 MR. SQUIBB: Ron Squibb with the Alaska
46 Peninsula Refuge.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, Ron.

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50 MR. SQUIBB: On our agency report the last

1 page didn't print in the book so I have for you, I just did
2 the whole thing instead of giving you just the last page,
3 it's the moose trend area table. I also put a few of the
4 last page over here for the public.

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6 MR. HEYANO: Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Thank you.

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10 MR. SQUIBB: The topic for my report in the
11 book here is to update the Northern Alaska Peninsula
12 Caribou Herd information and talk about our future plans
13 for surveys.

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15 Basically since we met at the last meeting
16 in the fall we haven't done any survey work, that's
17 generally spring, summer, fall work. But just to review
18 that information with you, in the year 2000 post-calving
19 count that's come up earlier in this meeting was 7,200
20 animals and the October composition counts were 38 bulls,
21 and 18 calves per 100 cows and the 18 calves for 100 cows
22 is the lowest fall calf ratio recorded since 1970 when
23 those data were first starting to be taken.

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25 This winter, just anecdotal observations of
26 the herd, they're wintering farther south and the recent
27 cold winters they've tended to crowd the Naknek River from
28 the south and indeed cross the Naknek River in large
29 numbers and mix with Mulchatna animals. As of the last
30 time Dick Sellers did some survey work looking for radio
31 collars, I'm thinking of the dates, excuse me, Tom, when
32 did you guys go flying -- a month ago, so it was late
33 January at that time, which was different than previous
34 years, he found no Northern Peninsula caribou radio collars
35 north of the Naknek River. And as I said, normally a
36 typical winter they're crowding the Naknek River from the
37 south and this year they're scattered in groups down at to
38 the Egegik River.

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40 And another anecdotal we've got on that is
41 we have two remaining satellite collars operating, this is
42 the year the batteries are starting to die, on Northern
43 Peninsula animals and those two animals, some are down near
44 Port Moller and normally one of them winters east of Port
45 Heiden and another one winters between the Egegik and the
46 Naknek in the previous two winters. And this winter, the
47 one that normally winters between the Egegik and the Naknek
48 just got up to Sandy Lake and didn't move any farther and
49 she's wandering around down there. The one that does
50 winter east of Port Heiden went east of Port Heiden, stayed

1 there and it's already in the last month, she's already
2 moved 50 miles back down the Peninsula towards Port Moller.
3 So it's been a very different winter and their winter
4 migration pattern from anecdotal observations has appeared
5 to be considerably different as well.

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7 Upcoming operations, in April, we plan to
8 collar yearling female caribou and put in the field, we
9 have 22 new VHF collars, we may have a couple refurbished
10 ones to add to that. As well at that time we'll be
11 weighing those animals and we'll get another idea of the
12 body condition on them looking at the weights of the
13 yearling caribou in comparison with previous collaring in
14 the last few years.

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16 Also at that time we'll be putting four new
17 satellite collars and four of the older ones that we
18 refurbished after recovering them from the field on adult
19 female caribou. And we're going to try and put those
20 mostly in the Pacific coastal areas of the Refuge and with
21 that we hope to get some more insight as to why, although,
22 the herd count in general has been going down, since 1994,
23 the count in the Refuge area has been stable and not
24 declining, so we're wondering where their wintering area
25 might be and where they might be in periods of time, you
26 know, other than the summer time when we do that post-
27 calving count.

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29 So that's all I've got on the caribou
30 update, are there any questions in that regard?

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32 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Mortality on them
33 radio-collared caribou, you say you were astonished so may
34 have died off, what was the cause of die off, starvation,
35 predator, hunters?

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37 MR. SQUIBB: On the VHF collars, those are
38 Dick Seller's data and he spoke to that at the Lower
39 Bristol Bay Advisory Committee meeting two weeks ago in
40 Egegik and I was there and to my recollection he said that
41 on recovering some of those collars last October from, it
42 was two winters ago, I believe that they had the higher,
43 the unusually high mortality, you know, by the time you get
44 to those collars and pick them up when the helicopters are
45 in the field and available to do so, you know, you find
46 bone piles, you can't -- he really had no idea what the
47 cause of mortality was. In the more recent winter, the
48 overwinter -- not our current one but one year ago, if I
49 recall correctly, our mortality's gone back to more what
50 has been typical the last 10 years.

1 And then on our satellite collar mortality,
2 which I mentioned a couple of years ago, I believe some of
3 our very early mortality was that we were putting the one-
4 watt satellite collar with larger batteries on it to give
5 us a longer life which we took the basic design and changed
6 it to take the VHF beacon out of that, it's still a pound
7 heavier than the collars we normally put on the caribou and
8 we believe we had some, maybe an effect by that, they've
9 had that up north where they've used them and also we
10 believe that a couple of the early mortality we had was
11 just the problems with capture stress.

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13 So I think that mortality has another
14 possible factor going on on that. And that's why we've
15 gone to a smaller, weaker satellite transmitter that
16 hopefully will not, you know, bias our data in that way.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Council, any
19 question?.

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21 MR. HEYANO: When do we stop harvesting
22 caribou, at what number?

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24 MR. SQUIBB: That's not simply a function
25 of the count. It's, for instance, the bull/cow ratio, when
26 Dick Sellers makes that estimate, the two primary factors
27 he uses is he takes the most recent -- the herd count --
28 the June, July post-calving count of the current year and
29 he uses the October composition counts of the previous year
30 and then in October he takes the composition of bulls per
31 100 cows and then he gets the herd count so he can figure
32 out how many bulls there are and between those he comes up
33 with an estimate of the number of bulls in the herd. And
34 he's trying to maintain a minimum of 25 bulls per 100 cows
35 as a minimum number of bulls to make sure there's a proper
36 number of bulls to allow, you know, complete breeding of
37 the cows in the herd.

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39 And so, therefore, all the bulls beyond the
40 25 per 100 are what makes up the harvestable surplus, which
41 is come -- you know, then he rounds that to come up with a
42 number of Tier II permits. So in other words, if the herd
43 -- I can't say the herd number -- it'd have to be a
44 combination of the herd number and his cow ratios and the
45 model that he uses to come up with that estimate of
46 harvestable surplus bulls.

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48 So he could probably give you a better ball
49 park, I'm not familiar with that model that he uses.

1 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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3 MR. HEYANO: Well, it looks like we lost
4 1,600 animals in a year here; is that correct?

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6 MR. SQUIBB: Well, I think it was.....

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8 MR. HEYANO: If I understand the report
9 right, from 8,600 to.....

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11 MR. SQUIBB: 8,600 to 7,200, right.

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13 MR. HEYANO:7,000 and I understand
14 the bull/cow ratio, but you're not going to take that ratio
15 down to what? There's got to be a number where we quit the
16 harvest regardless of what the bull/cow ratio is. Have you
17 folks discussed that or talked about it?

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19 MR. SQUIBB: I haven't -- again, I haven't
20 studied the model, I can't speak to that. Dick Sellers
21 could, if he were here. And I can't tell you at what point
22 that would be, you could look at the increment -- we -- I
23 don't even want to try and come up with a guesstimate on
24 that because that's something I don't have enough knowledge
25 to speak to.

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27 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Robert.

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29 MR. HEYANO: Well, is it appropriate then
30 that we ask you to work in conjunction with the State to
31 come up with that number?

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33 MR. SQUIBB: I can do that.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And report back to us
36 in the fall.

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38 MR. SQUIBB: Yes, sir.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Further
41 questions. Robert.

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43 MR. HEYANO: No.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Anything else to add,
46 Ron?

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48 MR. SQUIBB: No, sir, unless you have any
49 other questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Nope, I don't see any,
2 thank you.

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4 MR. SQUIBB: Okay, thank you, sir.

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6 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Next.

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8 MS. MCBURNEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For
9 the record my name is Mary McBurney, Subsistence Program
10 Manager for Katmai, Lake Clark, Aniakchak and the Alagnak
11 Wild River. And in the interest of time I will just refer
12 you to Tab G in your book where we do have a brief printed
13 report of the National Park Service units and our
14 activities with the subsistence program.

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16 I thought that perhaps that it might be
17 most appropriate to make myself available to follow up on
18 our conversation yesterday with questions about some of the
19 sockeye research that we have underway and that we have
20 planned to begin this summer.

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22 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That's it, Mary?

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24 MS. MCBURNEY: That's it.

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26 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Gee, you got two
27 stars. Questions of Mary, Council? Robert.

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29 MR. HEYANO: Well, back up to some of the
30 discussion we had yesterday. This is where I need
31 clarification I thought that I read a report someplace
32 where as far as the work being done in Lake Clark, the
33 radio work, the telemetry work was funded and that the
34 genetics was funded and the towers on the Newhalen and the
35 Tazimina was funded; wasn't funded or what won't happen is
36 the smolt count in the spring. And I can't find it here
37 and maybe I'm dreaming it up because it's been awhile since
38 I read it. So is that happening this coming season or
39 isn't it happening?

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41 MS. MCBURNEY: Mr. Chair, Mr. Heyano,
42 you're correct in your recollections. The original
43 proposal for the enumeration projects on the Tazimina and
44 the Newhalen did include a smolt out migration component
45 but that was dropped from the original so it's possible
46 that what you were recalling was the first draft but the
47 final proposal just concentrated on returning spawners.

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49 You're also correct in that the two
50 projects had gone through the entire peer review process

1 with the Fisheries Information Service, they had also come
2 before the Regional Advisory Council for review and
3 approval and had, you know, basically made it through the
4 gauntlet of process and our understanding was that they had
5 been just short of approved by the Federal Subsistence
6 Board, I might add, but that they were on track for funding
7 and we have been making plans to implement both those
8 projects.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Follow up, Robert.

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12 MR. HEYANO: So they are going to be funded
13 then for this coming season?

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15 MS. MCBURNEY: That was our understanding
16 until this past week when we were informed that the funding
17 for the second year of the sockeye salmon genetics work and
18 radio tagging work had been lost. Basically, from what I
19 understand that the \$150,000 that had been understood to
20 be, you know, put aside for this year was not put aside and
21 so the money has been allocated to a suite of projects for
22 Bristol Bay but a placesaver was never put in to also
23 provide funding for the genetics and the radio telemetry
24 work. We are working very, very closely, as closely as we
25 can right now with Fish and Wildlife Service to see what
26 can be done to find the funding, whether through lapses in
27 other projects or perhaps funding that may not have been
28 fully allocated. But at this time it is still very
29 unclear. The latest information that I had is that we may
30 be in a position to make a Sophie's Choice where one
31 project will not go forward in order to fund the other.

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Was this just an
34 administrative oversight?

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36 MS. MCBURNEY: Yes, that is my
37 understanding. It was a bookkeeping snafu. My
38 understanding is that Fish and Wildlife Service is doing an
39 audit currently but it's not clear when that will be
40 finished, when they'll have a full accounting of what their
41 expenditures were for the 2000 funds.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: This was Carol Ann
44 Woody's project, right?

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46 MS. MCBURNEY: Correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: And we budgeted our --
49 it was funded to the tune of about 175,000 her first year?

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1 MS. MCBURNEY: First year we were able to
2 reduce the amount of funding and basically put together a
3 bargain basement project for \$78,000 and the understanding
4 was is that we would take that reduced funding with the
5 understanding that the second year's funding would come off
6 the top of the 2001 funding when that was received, and
7 unfortunately that did not happen.

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Interesting.
10 Comments. Tom, do you have something to add to this?

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12 MR. O'HARA: No, next section.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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16 MR. HEYANO: Well, I don't know what the
17 wish is of the Council, Mr. Chairman, but I thought in the
18 past that we've flagged the Kvichak river sockeye and Lake
19 Clark as a stock that we have a lot of concern with. And I
20 don't know if the Council wishes to attempt to try to help
21 secure funding for the counts?

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23 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I think to be
24 consistent, I think this Council should make a comment on
25 it to keep the current projects on the book going and that
26 there should be a reevaluation of all the other projects.
27 Surely stopping funding in the middle of a stream, you
28 don't get the end result and it's questionable whether the
29 money that you spent up to date as worth it. I look at the
30 Nuklunek counting tower operated by ADF&G and they shut
31 that down 15 years ago and then they started rebuilding and
32 tried to make decisions on 15 year old data and the stocks
33 and climate changes, there was too many variables to plug
34 into the decision-making process so all their data was
35 basically useless because there was a gap in monitoring and
36 I'm kind of concerned about Carol Ann Woody's project.
37 I've heard from the locals in the area, Andrew surely has
38 expressed a great interest that he'd like to see that
39 project continue on. We do have conservation, major
40 conservation problems with the Kvichak River system. And
41 it is the biggest sockeye producing river system in the
42 world and right now it's having very severe conservation
43 problems. And I think any research that can be done in
44 that area to figure out the different pieces of the puzzle
45 and why the Kvichak is on its knees needs to be entertained
46 and put forth as a consideration by the Federal Subsistence
47 Board for funding research for that river system, including
48 the Carol Ann Woody study. That's basic. Especially from
49 Staff reports that I've heard since I've been on this
50 Council is that the water is very murky, you can't count

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1 fish like in Alagnak system or in the Naknek system or the
2 Becharof system.

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4 What's the wishes of the Council?

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6 MR. HEYANO: Well, Mr. Chair, I guess, were
7 you planning on attending the funding meeting on Monday?

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, it kind of
10 depends on that call I get, hopefully from Mr. Bosworth or
11 the Commissioner this afternoon, if it's going to be a
12 showdown I'll probably have to go.

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14 MS. MCBURNEY: I might add that we have
15 received a copy of the press release from the Federal
16 Subsistence Board which basically has made arrangements for
17 teleconferencing, so if, for example, Mr. Chair, if you
18 decide not to go into Anchorage we can make arrangements
19 for you to be on-line telephonically to provide input.

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21 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, I see that, I
22 was looking at that but I'm not going to be a
23 teleconference for about five and a half hours sitting
24 there by the phone. And if I attend it will probably be in
25 person.

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27 MR. HEYANO: Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Yes.

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31 MR. HEYANO: My understanding of what's
32 going to happen at that meeting is that's when the Board is
33 going to make the final decision on which of these projects
34 get funded; is that correct?

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36 MS. MCBURNEY: That's correct.

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38 MR. HEYANO: So in light of that, I think
39 if this Council still feels that fully funded for those
40 Lake Clark projects on sockeye salmon is important then I
41 would hope that you would be able to attend and I think we
42 need to set that in the form of a motion, at least, from
43 this Council that that's our desire. And then so that
44 would be one motion, I would assume.

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46 The other motion is, is that, in the event
47 that there isn't any funds left available, and I think we
48 need to discuss the possibility if we want to make a
49 Sophie's Choice, make a recommendation on one of these that
50 are scheduled for funding get pulled and the funds go into

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1 that project.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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5 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Combine them?

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7 MR. HEYANO: No, separate, I think.

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So do you have a
10 motion?

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12 MR. HEYANO: Well, I would move, Mr.
13 Chairman, that we direct you to go on record supporting
14 fully funded on the escapement estimate project for the
15 Lake Clark sockeye salmon, including the Newhalen and
16 Tazimina towers.

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18 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, is there a
19 second to that motion?

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21 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I second.

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23 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Further discussion
24 needed.

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26 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: All those in favor
29 signify by saying aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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35 (No opposing votes)

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37 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried. You have
38 another motion, Mr. Heyano?

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40 MR. HEYANO: Well, this one gets a little
41 sticky, Mr. Chairman, because what we're going to do is in
42 the event that there isn't anymore money is to make a
43 recommendation that somebody gets cut in our area. Is that
44 something the Council wants to do?

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46 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: I think what this
47 Council wants to say to the Federal Subsistence Board, that
48 those ongoing projects dealing with the Kvichak sockeye
49 river systems, and that includes Lake Clark and Tazimina,
50 them ongoing projects and the ones that were funded last

1 year, that were funded this year should have a priority
2 over new projects that are coming on and that they need to
3 decide -- we don't have the criteria of the various
4 projects but we do know about Carol Ann Woody's study and
5 the Tazimina tower, Newhalen tower so we support those
6 ongoing projects over any new projects coming going on-line
7 until the funding for them projects has been implemented
8 and they make the cut.

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10 We're just giving them, correct me if I'm
11 wrong, we're just giving them some guidance on our
12 feeling.....

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14 MS. MCBURNEY: That's correct.

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16 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN:on how they
17 should budget for the projects? Is there any objection to
18 that, I'll ask the Council? Hearing no objection then,
19 Cliff, we'll include that in our letter to the Federal
20 Subsistence Board on Monday. Got it? Hello?

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22 MR. EDENSHAW: I'm thinking hard about
23 this.

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25 MR. HEYANO: Well, I'm hoping you could, if
26 time allows, Mr. Chairman, you could attend that meeting.

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: You know, Mr. Heyano,
29 you're pretty generous with my time. Mr. Heyano, I'll
30 remember this. I'll remember this sunny boy.

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32 MR. HEYANO: You're going to have
33 longevity.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Now, if the shoe was
36 on the other foot he'd be sitting there, oh, I don't know,
37 oh, I don't know.

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39 Okay, Tom -- or Mary, were you done?

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41 MS. MCBURNEY: That concludes my.....

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43 MR. HEYANO: I have one question for Mary.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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47 MR. HEYANO: Aren't you concerned about
48 your Lake Clark sockeye being present in the north
49 peninsula when there's a commercial fishery happening?

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1 MS. MCBURNEY: Mr. Chair, Mr. Heyano, yes.
2 We are concerned about the sockeye throughout their
3 migratory path. And if there would be some way that we
4 could work together to get a good study pulled together
5 where we could actually start tracking those fish, finding
6 out where they are, where they go, that would really be a
7 big leg up. But, yes, we are concerned, wherever they are.
8 Saltwater or fresh.

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10 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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12 MR. HEYANO: Thank you. I seen some
13 information where in 1994, I believe, the Department funded
14 a scale sample analysis and there's reasons why the --
15 whether it's a valid sample or not on both sides of the
16 issue, I guess. But they showed that there was a
17 significant number of Ugashik fish present in that harvest
18 in 1994. At the same time, the Department in the Kvichak
19 wanted to determine stock composition between Naknek
20 sockeye and Kvichak sockeye or other Bristol Bay sockeye,
21 in the Kvichak and Naknek section, they couldn't
22 differentiate between a Kvichak sockeye and the Ugashik
23 sockeye based on scale sample analysis so they classified
24 them as a Kvichak/Ugashik sockeye. My point is, if they ha
25 that much problems in the Kvichak identifying the
26 differences, they must have had the same problem in the
27 north peninsula.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That's what we spent
30 the month of January doing.

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32 MS. MCBURNEY: It was a long January.

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34 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Tom.

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36 MR. O'HARA: I have a request for --
37 actually my name is Tom O'Hara with the Aniakchak SRC, I'll
38 get that down here sooner or later. A request for action,
39 we have two board members for the Aniakchak SRC that need
40 to be reappointed by the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory
41 Council and that would be John Lind and Afoni Takiak (ph),
42 their term was expired and they're requesting to have their
43 term reappointed for another three years.

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45 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: What's the Council's
46 wishes?

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48 MR. HEYANO: Is that the recommendation
49 from the SRC?

1 MR. O'HARA: Yes, that's the recommendation
2 from the SRC, yes. And then I'll have one more after that.

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4 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: According to the
5 rules, we need to approve it or disapprove.

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7 MR. HEYANO: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Moved by Robert. Is
10 there a second?

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12 MR. CHRISTENSEN: I second it.

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14 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Johnny
15 Christensen. Further discussion needed.

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17 MR. BALLUTA: Question.

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19 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried.

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30 MR. O'HARA: Okay, last item, Alvin
31 Boskoskfy does not sit on any advisory councils anymore and
32 so he is going to be resigning from his seat and they have
33 a replacement picked for him already, the SRC does, and
34 that would be Glenn Kalmakoff of Ivanof Bay who sits on two
35 boards, Chignik local advisory committee and he's the vice
36 president of the Ivanof Bay Village Council also, and the
37 SRC requests that you appoint Mr. Kalmakoff to their SRC
38 board.

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40 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay.

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42 MR. HEYANO: So moved.

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44 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Is there a second?

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46 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Second.

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48 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Further discussion
49 needed.

1 MR. ABRAHAM: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Question's been
4 called. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Opposed, same sign.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So carried.

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14 MR. O'HARA: Okay, just for a note, Mr.
15 Boskoskfy has been recommended to be appointed by the
16 Secretary of the Interior so he can still remain on the
17 board so we'll still have pretty much the same board but a
18 full board now.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Thank you.

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22 MR. HEYANO: Excellent.

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24 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Thank you. Next.

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26 MR. ANDERSEN: I think that's me, Mr.
27 Chairman, and we don't have anything to report.

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29 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay, thank you,
30 Ralph. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, do you have
31 anything to report there, Mr. Krieg?

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33 MR. KRIEG: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, maybe I
36 shouldn't say that too loud, you may not get a paycheck for
37 talking to us.

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39 MR. KRIEG: Okay, I'll take my chances.
40 Ted Krieg, Subsistence Division, ADF&G. Four things.

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42 Baseline study, Togiak, Manokotak and Twin
43 Hills, all of that data is in the Anchorage office being
44 compiled so we'll -- you know, I just wanted to report that
45 that's still going on. And, you know, I guess we're
46 scheduled to have some of that come out here sometime
47 within the next few months.

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49 We have -- this was prepared for the Fish
50 and Game and I think most of you probably saw it -- or the

1 Board of Fish meeting, overview of subsistence sockeye
2 salmon fishery of the Kvichak water shed, Bristol Bay,
3 southwest Alaska and it's available and I could make copies
4 of it and have some available if you're interested.

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6 And then the next thing, and right now,
7 Molly's been pretty much handling this all by herself, the
8 marine mammal harvest monitoring project is going on in
9 coastal villages.

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11 And the other thing that's upcoming, some
12 of these, you know, the special projects here, traditions,
13 knowledge and customs of the Alaska Peninsula Becharof
14 National Wildlife Refuge Complex and Aniakchak National
15 Monument subsistence fishing communities, and this is
16 scheduled to start. It's another cooperative agreement
17 working with BBNA, Hans and Ralph and it's supposed to
18 start here within the next -- well, in March, I guess is
19 our initial start up time. And then I guess it's scheduled
20 for two years so it shows up again on this preliminary
21 listing.

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23 And that's all I had.

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25 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Thank you, Ted.
26 Questions of Ted. Moving on. Any other new business? Did
27 we complete all the staff reports, is there any more staff
28 reports before we get into other new business. Seeing
29 none, we have one agenda item. Dan Jose Gonzalez O'Hara
30 forgot to put in his name for RAC, he's contacted Cliff and
31 said it was an oversight on his part and he's down enjoying
32 the sunshine in Mexico. I have his application all filled
33 out here, and Dan would like the Council to nominate, put
34 forth his name for consideration to the Bristol Bay RAC.
35 It's been the past policy to allow individuals to submit
36 their name and the RAC not get involved in who submits
37 their names or that process. But Dan has asked that we
38 submit his name on his behalf because he didn't do the
39 paperwork and I believe today's the deadline, uh?

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41 MR. EDENSHAW: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: The close of business
44 today.

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46 MR. HEYANO: Why do we have to submit it as
47 a RAC, why can't somebody else do it?

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49 MR. EDENSHAW: Mr. Chair, that's correct,
50 anyone can submit it. Dan just didn't submit his

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1 application. Individuals may nominate other persons, so
2 that's the route that we chose to take because Dan didn't
3 submit his application. Anyone from the general public can
4 nominate an individual for consideration to the Regional
5 Council.

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7 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. Tom, you have
8 something to add?

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10 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Tom O'Hara, different
11 hat. I submitted dad's application, Mr. O'Hara's
12 application and signed my name at the bottom if that makes
13 any difference.

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15 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: So you nominated him?

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17 MR. O'HARA: Yes, I nominate Mr. Daniel
18 James O'Hara Gonzalez, however that goes.

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20 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Okay. So we don't
21 have to do nothing then, his name's already on, right?

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23 MR. EDENSHAW: Correct. And I'll just take
24 the application with me to Anchorage.

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26 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Well, then how come
27 you gave me the application?

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29 MR. EDENSHAW: Because you asked for it.

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31 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: That was yesterday.
32 I'll give it back to you then.

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34 Okay, is there anything else under new
35 business? Seeing none, moving on. Calendar time and place
36 of next meeting, I would leave that up to the Chair when he
37 gets back, if that's all right with you guys, that's
38 usually the way we've been operating. Anything else?

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: I make a motion to adjourn
41 the meeting.

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43 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Seconded by Andrew.

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45 MR. BALLUTA: Second.

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47 CHAIRMAN SAMUELSEN: Is there any
48 objection? We're adjourned. Thank you all.

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50 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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